ANNO QVARTO HENRICI VIII.

THe kynge our ſoueraygne lorde Henrye the viij. after the conqueſt, by the grace of God king of England and of Fraunce and lorde of Irelande, at his parlyamente holden at weſtminſter the iiij. day of Nouember, in the fourth yere of his moſt noble reygne, after the prorogation to the honour of God and holye churche, and for the common weale & profite of this his realme, by the aſſent of the lords ſpiritual and temporall, & the commons in thys preſente parliament aſſembled, & by aucthoritye of the ſame, hath, doo, to be ordeined, made, & enacted, certaine ſtatutes and ordynaunces in maner and fourme folowing.

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PRayen the commons in this presente parliament assembled, that for as muche as the lande of Britayne, and also the hauen of Brest lyeth streight agaynst the South sea costes of the county of Cornewal and that the Frenchmen (our auncient ennemies) and Britaynes enemyes, by reason of their fishyng vpon the sea costes, know as well euery hauen and creeke wythin the sayd countie, as euery lāding place, in as large maner as anye subiecte of our soueraine lorde the kinges doth. And that the sayde countye is lxx. myle in length, and the substaunce thereof righte little more than vi. mile in breade from the south sea to the north sea: by reason wherof they also know that great multitude of people cannot shortly resorte to put them of at their landing: and that in diuers and many of the sayd landinge places, nother pile, blockhouse, ne bulwarke is made to greue or annoye them at theyr landing, which consideracions, vnto our said enemies greate audacitie comforte and courage, geeueth to arriue and lande in the same parties, to the great annoyaunce of our sayd souereigne lord his subiectes there, and to the vtter vndoing of diuers and many of them, vnlesse a remedy be the sooner prouided.

Therefore be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, his lords spyrituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctority of the same, that the Justices of the peace and sheriffe of the sayd county, do ryde and view all the sayde South coste, from Plymmouth westward to the lands end. And that done, incōtinent to appoint wythin themselues suche boroughes, townes, and paryshes, as they shall thincke reasonable to make bulwarkes, brayes, walles, ditches, & all other fortifications for the same cause, in maner, forme, and fashion, as shall bee thoughte by theyr discretion in euery of the sayd landing places betweene this and the fyrst day of March next now comming. And farther be it enacted, by the sayde auctoritie, that euery Mayre and constable of the sayde countie, by the sayd Justices of peace or sheriffe appointed, do commaunde all thinhabitauntes within the precincte of theyr office, to be at the sea side wyth such instrumentes as they haue or can get for the making of ỳ sayde bulwarkes and other the premisses, in such lāding places, as shalbe assigned by the sayd Justices of the peace or Sheriffe. And that the said maire or constables do commit to warde all such wilfull personnes as wyll not obey, come, nor sende any other person to the sea syde, to make the said bulwarkes, and other the premisses, at the day and time by the sayde Maire or constables to bee appointed, and there to remaine withoute bayle or mainprise by the space of tenne dayes or lesse, at the discretion of the sayde Mayre or Constables: And if any of the sayde Mayres or Constables do not their duetie, as is aforesayd: that than the Justicees of the peace nerte

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And also be it enacted by the said auctority,that good and substanciall bulwarkes,braies, walles, ditches,and all other fortifications in euery lading places(in maner fourme & fashion as is aforesaide)as wel frō Plimmouth aforesayd by the sea costes Estward,as in al other parts within ỳ realme of England,be made there,as the Justices of the peace & Sheriffe within that shyre, where any such landing places be,shal thincke nedeful. And that euery Justice of peace,Mayre,and constable within euery shyre, where any suche landinge places bee, haue lyke and as good auctority by this present acte to commaund the inhabitantes of euery borough,towne, and parish adioyninge to the sea syde or els where,after the discretions of the Justices of peace, to make the sayd bulwarkes & other the premisses: and also commit to warde all such wilfull persons as will not obey,in like maner as the Justices of the peace,Mayres,& constables of the said countie of Cornewall may do by any of the actes aforesayd.

And ouer this be it enacted by the sayde auctority, that it be lawfull for euery of the kynges subiectes within this realme of Englande,by the aduise and assignement of the sayde Justices of the peace or sheriffe to make all maner of bulwarkes and other the premisses in euery mans grounde, of what estate or degree he be of:and also to digge and to delue as wel for earth stones and turfes,as to cut and to hew heth in any mans grounde for the makynge of any suche bulwarkes and other the premisses, as ofte and as many times as neede shal requyre,and the sayd erth,stones,turfes, and heth to take and occupie and cary awaye oute of the saide grounde to any other mans ground, for the making of any such bulwarkes and other the premisses: in whose ground so euer the sayde earth,stones,turfes,and heth happen to bee, wythout any interruption or let of any person or persons being lord or lords of any such ground, or hauinge any other interest in the same. And without any maner of payment to be demaūded for any of the premisses,or any maner of action by any maner of person or persōs. at any time hereafter to be attempted,or in any wyse mainteyned against any of the kinges subiectes for any such matter or cause. And this acte to endure to the next parliament.

An act for punishment of murther. Cap.ii.

Where as robberies, murders & felonies daily encrease more and more,and bene committed and done in more heynous open and detestable wise thē hath ben oft seen in times past: And the persons so offendinge little regarde the punishment thereof,by the course of the common lawe,ne by reason of any statute heretofore made, but beare theim bolde of theyr Clergie, and imagininge and pleadinge of

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feygned and vntrue forayne pleas, triable in forayne coũtyes, to thintẽt to be remoued from place to place, by colourable and vntrue suggestions and for to be vntruely acquite by fauour might and corruption: so that they liue in maner without feare or drede. For reformacion wherof, and for ỳ common welth of this realme, and to put the sayde murderers, felons, and offenders in more feare and drede so to offende: Be it ordeined established & enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commõs in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, that all persone or persones, hereafter committinge murder or felony in any churche, chapell, or halowed place, or of and vppon malyce prepensed, robbe or murder any persone or persones in the kinges highe waye, or els robbe or murder any persone in his house, the owner or dweller of the house, his wife, child, or seruaunt than being therin, & put in feare or drede by the same, that such persons so offending, be not from henceforth admitted to his or theyr clergy, suche as bene within holy orders onelye excepte. And ouer that be it enacted by the sayd auctority, that if any murderer or felon, vpon his arraignment hereafter do alledge, that he had taken anye church or churchyard for murder, felonye or other place preuileged for the same in a forayne county, and against his will taken out thereof: that than the kynges attournay, or any other person that will sue or aledge for the kinge: that the sayde murderer or felon so arayned, was taken at large in the same shire, where he is so arayned: that than the same allegeaunce and issue to be tried by thenquest that should try the sayd murder or felony within the same shyre, and before the same Justice, where the sayd murderer or felon is arraigned, as though the sayde forayne plea had not be pleded by the sayd felon. And if it be founden by ỳ same inquest, that the sayd murderer or felon was taken within the same shire (as is aforesayde) that than he to haue none auantage or benefit of ỳ matter alleged by him for takinge out of the church or churchyard, or other place priuiledged, in any suche forayne shire. And this acte to endure to the next parliament.

¶ An acte concerninge Juries in London. Cap. iij.

Where at a parlyamente holden at Westmin. the .xj. yeare of the reigne of king Henry the .viij. for the good due administracion and expedition of Justice, it was ordeined, and amonge other thynges enacted, that euery person hereafter to be enpanelled or sommoned to appeare in any Jury or inquest, in any courte within the city of London, before any Judges of the same city, making default at the first sommons, should lose & forfaite .xij.d. And at the second defaut .ij.s. And so at euery such defaut after that, the issues and penalties to be doubled. And also such issues lost in ỳ Maires courte should be forfaited leuied, and perceiued to thuse and behoue of the maire and ỳ comminalty of the sayd city. And that all such issues loste in the sheriffes court or courtes

tes, ſhould be forfayted, leuyed, and perceyued to the vſe of the ſheriffes of the ſame city, for the time being, toward their fee ferme, as by the ſame act more plainely doth appeare: in the whiche acte is not expreſſed, howe or by what meanes ẏ foreſayde iſſues, ſo loſt & forfayted, for none apparãce of the perſons ſo impanelled and ſommoned, ſhould be leuied. The lacke whereof is the cauſe, that ſuche perſons as haue bene impanelled and ſommoned, as well for the kinge as betwene party and party (beinge ſubſtanciall and indifferẽt) haue made many tymes defaut, and woulde not appere. And ſo it remaineth in like miſchiefe as it was before ẏ makinge of the foreſayd act, to the great let of Juſtice, and the delaye aſwell in the kynges cauſes, as in other cauſes betwene parties. wherfore for ẏ good execution of the ſaid ſtatute and perfit remedy in this behalfe to be had. Be it eſtabliſhed ordeinẽd, and enacted by the kinge our ſoueraigne lorde by thaſſent of ẏ lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente Parlyamente aſſembled, and by the auctority of the ſame, that for all ſuch iſſues (in forme aforeſaid) hereafter to be loſt or forfaited in the maires court, it ſhalbe lawfull to the ſayde mayre, and to his ſucceſſours, to diſtreine, and the ſame diſtreſſe to reteine till he or they be ſatiſfied of the ſaid iſſues. And in like maner that it ſhalbe lawfull to ẏ foreſayd ſheriffes, and their ſucceſſours, to diſtraine for ſuche iſſues loſt in their court or courtes, and the ſayd diſtreſſe to reteine till they be ſatiſfied of the ſayde iſſues. Item for as muche as after iſſues ioigned in actions and ſutes commenced taken or dependinge in the kinges courts before hym ſelfe in his bench, and before his Juſtice of the commen benche: And alſo in his eſcheker at the kynges ſuite, or at the ſuite of the parties triable in the ſayd city of Lõdon, as well ẏ kinge as the parties haue ſuffered great delay many times for defaulte of apparaũce of the iurours impanelled to trye the ſayd iſſues, and many times for lacke of iurours not hauing landes & tenemẽtes of the yerely value, of .xl.s.

Be it ordeyned and enacted by the ſayd auctority of this preſent parliament, that the ſheriffes of London (for the time beinge) haue full auctority and power to retourne in panelles or arraies of all actions & ſuites nowe dependinge, or that ſhal depend in any of the ſayde courtes or eſcheker, perſons beinge citizens hauinge goodes to the value of .C. marke or aboue, to trie the iſſues ioygned or to be ioygned in euery ſuche action or ſuite. And the perſõs ſo retourned (hauinge goods to the value of .C. marke or aboue) ſhalbe ſworne and do in all ſuch iuries in likewiſe in euery thinge, as other perſons ſhall do haupnge landes and tenemẽtes of the yerely value of .xl.s. ouer all charges. And ouer that be it ordeyned by the ſayde auctority, that the ſheriffes of the ſayd city (for the time beinge) ſhal retourne vpon ẏ firſt diſtreſſe in euery ſuch action or ſuite vpon euery of the iuries impanelled to trye the iſſues thereof .xx.d. And vppon the ſeconde diſtreſſe, vpon euery of the ſame iurours .xl.d. And vppon euery diſtreſſe after that, vppon euerye of the ſame Jurours the double, tyll a full Jury in euery ſuch Action and ſuite ſhall appere and be ſworne to trye the iſſues ioygned in the ſame. And

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that the sheriffes, that shall make any retourne vpon such distresse cõtrary to the fourme aforesayde, shall forfayte for euery suche defaulte.x.li.the one halfe thereof to be to the kynge, and the other halfe therof to the party that will sue therefore. And that the defendaunte in any suche action be not admitted to wage his lawe, nor protection therin for him alowed.

¶ In acte of proclamations to be made before erigentes be awarded in forraine countries. Cap.iiij.

The kynge our soueraigne lorde, callynge to his moste gracious remembraunce, howe that before this time dyuers of his subiects of this his realme of England, haue bene greuously vexed and troubled by reason of outlawries had against them in forraine counties and sondry action personelles, at the suite of dyuers malycious persons, whyche cruell mynde attempted suche actions personelles, more for malice than for any iuste cause of action that they had against the parties defendauntes named in the same. And of the which outlawries so had in forraine counties, the partye defendaunte, named in suche forrayne actions, had neuer knowledge ne monition, to such time as the outlawrye were agaynst them had and certified, and some of thẽ neuer came within the countye, where such actions were agaynste them sued, ne neuer were dwelling ne conuersaũt within the sayd county. Neuertheless the parties (so outlawed in forraine counties) haue loste their goodes and substaunce to theyr vtter vndoynge. Wherfore in auoydinge of suche malicious and forraine suites hereafter to be sued, the kinge our soueraigne lord intending the restfulnes of his sayde subiectes, and that indifferente Justice shoulde be admynistred to euerye person, as well to the poore as to the ryche, and that euery person should haue lawfull knowledge and monition of such actions, as hereafter be, to be attempted and sued agaynste hym in any of the kinges courtes, by the assente of the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parlyamente assembled, and by auctorytye of the same, hath ordeined established and enacted, that from henceforth the at the same daye that any erigente is awarded or to be awarded agaynste anye person or persones in anye action personell, yf yt dooe appeare by the vsinge of the same action, that the partye defendaunt is dwellinge in another countye, than in the same countye where the same action is sued: that than the Justices, before whom any such erigend is to be awarded, award one writ of proclamacion, to be direct to the sheriffe of the counti where it doth appeare by the vsing of such action, that the party defendaũt is dwelling, the which writ of proclamation shal contein the effect of the same actyon. And that the sheriffe of the countye, to whome any suche wryt of proclamation shall bee dyrected, make proclamation .iij. seuerall dayes in hys plaine county, whereof one of the sayd proclamations to be made at the generall sessions in those parties, wher the sayd party is supposed to be dwellinge

linge, in that the partye defendaunt yelde him selfe to the sheriffe of the forraine county, to whome any such erigende in any action personall shall be awarded, so that the sheriffe of suche forraine county may vppon hys yealdinge haue the body of the defendaunte before the Justices, before whom any suche erigende is awarded, at the day in the same erigende comprysed, there to answere to the plaintife in the same according to ẏ law. And that euery such writte of proclamaciō haue the same day of returne, as the writ of the erigende vpon such forrayne actions so awarded shall haue: and that euery such writ of ꝓclamacion be deliuered of recorde to the shryffe or his deputye of the county, into the which any such writ of proclamation is to be awarded. And that the sheriffe of the same county duely execute the same, and therof make due retourn at the day in the same writ appointed vpon peine to forfaite such amerciament, as by the Justices, before whom such action is vsed, shalbe sessed. And that the seliffour or erigēter, in whose office such sute is taken, make out the sayde writ and writs of proclamacion, as after shalbe awarded in any of the sayde courtes. And that the same seliffour or erigenter take no more for the makinge of any such writ of proclamation and the enteringe of the same record, but only sixe pence.

And if any outlawry hereafter be had or promulged against any person or persons, in any action personall in a forraine county, and no writ of proclamation, as is before sayde awarded, retourned: that than all and euery such outlarie to be vtterly voide and of no force ne effect in the lawe. And this acte to beginne and take effect at the feaste of the ꝑ urificatiō of our Lady sainct Mary next cōminge, and not before.

And also be it enacted by the sayde auctorite, that in all actions hereafter to be taken in London, or in ẏ county of Midd. wherin proceste of outlarye lieth agaynste any person or persons, callinge or naminge theym late of London, that before the erigende be awarded in the same action, that ẏ partye plaintife or his attourney, after the .iij. capias retourned, sue a lyke writ of proclamation, in maner & fourme as is afore specified in the county, where the same person or persons so sued or to be sued, be conuersaūt or dwelling at the time of the sayd writ awarded, or els all outlawrys so had made pronounced or retourned against all suche persons, to be voyde & of none effect. And this acte to endure to the nexte parliament.

¶ An acte reapeallinge penalties for geuinge of wages to labourers and artificers. Cap. v.

BRaten the commons in this present parliament assembled, that wher for defaut & lacke of due executiō of the statute labourers because of a statute and ordinance had and made in ẏ .xij. yeare of the reigne of kynge Richarde the seconde, that geueth penalties, peynes and forfaytures agaynst the Mayster and geuer, as well as agaynste Seruauntes, Labourers, Artificers, and craftismen, so that the maister

maiſter and giuer foꝛ feare therof, dare not put the ſaid eſtatute and other eſtatutes therof made in execuciō: wherfoꝛe by ꝑ kinge our ſoueraigne loꝛd and by thaſſent of the loꝛdes ſpirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctoꝛity of the ſame, be it eſtabliſhed and enacted, that all penaltyes, peynes, and foꝛfaitures conteyned in the ſayd eſtatute, and in all other eſtatutes had & made concerninge ſeruauntes labourers of huſbandꝛy, labourers, artificers, and crafteſmen, be onely to and againſt the ſayde maiſter and geuer fro henceforth voide & of none effect. And this acte to endure to the next parliament.

¶ An acte cōcerninge cuſtomers and comptrollers foꝛ ſealinge of cloth of golde and ſiluer, & all other ſilkes. Cap. vj.

Where at a parliament holden in the .xij. yere of ꝑ reygne of king Edwarde ꝑ .iiij. amōges other it was oꝛdeined eſtabliſhed and enacted, that the collectours of the ſubſidye and the comptrollers, ſhould at all times be redye whā thei ſhould be required, to ſeale any maner of cloth of golde, of ſiluer, baudekin, veluet, damaſke, ſaten, ſarſenet, Tartron, Chamlette, and euerye other clothe of ſilke, and euery coꝛſe of ſylke and golde, and euery coꝛſe of ſylke of the makinge beyonde the ſea, and the ſame marchaundiſes ſhoulde ſeale at euery time whan they ſhould be required without delay, taryinge, oꝛ any thynge foꝛ their ſealinge to take by any meane, vpon the peyne of foꝛfayture to the owner of ſuche marchaundiſes .rr.s. by euerye of the ſayde collectours and comptrollers at euery time whan they refuſe to ſeale any ſuch marchandiſes after ſuche requeſte made, oꝛ take any thynge foꝛ ſealynge of any ſuche marchandiſes, as by the ſame acte amonges other thynges moꝛe playnely appeareth. Sithen the makynge of whiche acte the ſayde collectours and comptrollers, and their clerkes, not fearinge the penaltye limitted in the ſame acte, haue vſed and dayly vſe to take foꝛ ſealinge of euery peece of the ſame marchaundiſes, aboue reherſed .ii.d. to the greate hurte and damage of the marchauntes owners of the ſame. Foꝛ the ſame marchantes at many times bringe & conueighe in one ſhippe .iij. oꝛ .iiij. M. peeces of the ſame marchaundyſes, whyche amounteth to .xxx. oꝛ .xl. li. after the rate of .ii.d. a peece. And foꝛ as muche as the foꝛeſayde penaltye, expreſſed in the ſayde ſtatute, is but .xx.s. therefoꝛe the ſayde collectours, cōptrollers, noꝛ theyꝛ clerkes feare not to runne in ieoperdy of the ſame: wherfoꝛe be it oꝛdeined and enacted by the kynge our ſoueraigne loꝛde, the loꝛdes ſpirituall & tempoꝛall, and the commons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled, and by the auctoꝛity of the ſame, that from henceforthe the collectours and comptrollers of the ſayd ſubſidy, noꝛ their clerkes, noꝛ any of them, take foꝛ the ſealyng of any peece of the ſaid marchandiſes (aboue reherſed) any thing, vpō peine of foꝛfaiture at euery time .xx.li.

And also be it enacted by the same auctoritye, that if and as often as the same collectours and comptrollers, or any of them, vnreasonablye delay or tary the sayd marchaūtes, or any of them, for and about the sealinge of the same marchandises: that than and as often the same collectours and comptrollers, and euery of thē, so vnreasonably delaying and taryinge the same marchantes, or any of them, to forfait for the same .xl.s. The one moite of euery of the sayd penalties (so forfaited) to bee to the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the other moity thereof to the marchaunte so greeued, that will sue for the same by way of information in the kinges eschequer, or by actiō or byll of debte after the order of the common lawe, as in other actions of debt is vsed: in whyche action the defendant shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor protection, nor essoyne to be to him allowed in the same suite, for the said forfaiture.

¶ An acte concerninge peuterers and true weightes and beames Cap. vij.

For asmuche as a certaine acte was made and establysshed, in the parliament holden at westminster the .xix. yere of the reigne of the late most famous king youre father henry the .viij. whom god pardon, concernynge peauterers, and brasiers, hauking and walkinge about the countreis, and also concerning false beames, scales and weightes, with a prouision for casting of fine mettall and of perfit goodnesse: whyche acte was made to endure to the nexte Parliamente, the tenour whereof hereafter ensueth: That where manye simple and euill disposed persons of this youre realme of England (vsynge the sayde craftes) dayelye goe aboute this youre realme from village, from towne, and from house to house, as well in woddes and forestes, as other places, to bye peauter and brasse, and that knowynge, theues and other pickers, that steale as well peuter and brasse, belongynge to youre hyghnes, and vnder youre marke, and to the lordes spirituall and temporall, as to your subiectes of this youre realme, bringe such stolen vessels vnto them in such hid places to sell, and sell it for litle or nought, and about they bring it to priuye places, or into corners of cities or townes, and there sell muche part of it to straūgers, the which cary it ouer the sea by stelth. Also the sayd persons (so goinge aboute) and diuers other vsinge the sayde craftes, vse to make newe vessels, and mixe good mettall and bad together, and make it nought, and sell it for good stuffe, where in deed the stuffe and mettal therof is not worth the fourth party that is solde for, to the great hurt, disceipte and losse of your subiectes. Also dyuers persons, vsynge the sayde craftes, haue discreuable and vntrue beames and scales, that one of theym wyll stande euen wyth .xij.li. weyghte at the one ende, agaynste a quarter of a pounde at the other ende, to the synguler aduauntage of them selfe, and to

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the great disceite and losse of your subiectes, biers and sellers wyth them. For reformacion of the premisses it woulde please your highnes of your most abundant grace, with thaduise of your lords spyrituall and temporall & the cõmons in this presente parliamente assembled, & by auctoritye of the same, to enacte and establishe, that no person nor persons, vsyng the sayde craftes of peauterers and brasiers, from henceforth shall sell or chaunge any peauter or brasse, newe or olde, at any place or places within this your realme, but onely in open fayres or markettes, or in theyr owne dwellinge houses, but if they be desyred by the sayd biers of such wares, vpon payne of forfaytuee to our souereigne lord the king for euery such default x.li. Also by the same auctoritie it may be enacted and established, that no person nor persons, of what cõdicion or degree soeuer he or they be from henceforth within the citie of London and Yorke, or wythout either caste or woorke any pewter vessels or brasse at any place or places within this your realme, but that it be as good fine metall, as is the peauter and brasse caste and wrought after the perfect goodnes of the same, wythin ẏ citie of London, & by the statutes of the same owe to be, vpõ peine of forfaiture of all such peauter and brasse, so cast & wroughte of worse peauter or brasse than ought to be wrought in the same cities: the one halfe of euery such forfaiture to be to the vse of your highnes, and the other halfe to ẏ vse of the finders thereof.

Prouided alway ẏ this forfaiture in no wise stretch ne extend to brasse or peauter, being in the possession of any person, other than the workers of the same, or such as haue the same to sell, and beinge of the craftes or mysterie. Also that it may by the same auctoritie be enacted and established, that no maner of person or persons, of what degree or condicion soeuer he or they be, from hẽceforth make no hollow wares of peauter, that is to say saltes and pottes, that is made of peauter called laye mettall, but that it may be after thassise of peauter laie mettal wrought wythin ẏ citie of Lõdon. And that ẏ makers of such wares shall marke the same wyth seuerall markes of theyr owne, to the entent that the makers of such wares shall auow the same wares by them (as is abouesayd) to be wrought. And that al and euery such wares, not sufficiẽtly made and wrought, and not marked in forme abouesayd foundẽ in the possession of ẏ same maker or seller to be forfayted: and if the same ware be solde, the sayd maker to forfait the value of the same so vnlawfully wrought and sould, the one halfe of ẏ said wares, or the value thereof, to be to the vse of your highnes, and the other halfe to be to the vse of the finder or serchers of the same. Also that it may by the sayd auctority be enacted and establyshed, that if any person or persons hereafter, vsyng bying and selling of peauter or brasse, that hereafter occupy any disceiuable or false beames or weightes of the said wares, that euery suche person or persones, vsynge or occuppynge suche dysceyuable and vntrue beames or weyghtes, to forfaite .xx.s. the one halfe to the kynge, and the other halfe to the partye that therefore shall sue by action

of det: and that in the said action no protection nor essoyne shalbe allowed. And also the sayde party so offendinge, shall forfaite his beame to him that shall cease it: and if the sayd offender or offenders be not sufficiente to pay the sayde somme or sommes by theym so forfayted, that then it shall bee lawfull to the Mayres, bayliffes, or other heade officers of suche place or places, where any such offenders shalbe found to put them in the stockes, and them so to kepe till ẏ next market day next adioyning, & in ẏ market place to put them in the pillorie all the market time. And furthermore that it be lawfull by the sayd auctority, that the maister & wardeins of ẏ sayde craft of peuterers win euery citie and borough of this realme, where such wardeins are, and where no such wardens are, the head officers or gouernours of ẏ same citie or borough, to appoint certeyne persons most expert in knowledge of ẏ same, to make serch within ẏ sayd citties or boroughes where they dwell. And ouer this ẏ Justices of peace within euery shyre at the generall sessions holden at Mighelmas, shal assigne and appoint two certaine persons, hauing experiēce therin, to make serch in the premisses in euery part of that shire, as well within the fraūches as without, sauing in cities or borowes, wher serchers be appointed by the heds or gouernours of the same. And that all such vnlawfull peauter or brasse, as the sayd searchers shall find, the one halfe to the vse of your grace, and the other half to the said serchers. And that in the defaute of the said maisters & wardeins of the sayd occupacions, not serching in forme as is aforesayd, and wherby that any such vnlawfull mettels is caste or made, or vnlawfull weightes vsed: that then it shalbe lawfull to any person or persons, hauing sufficient cunninge & knowledge in the said occupacions, by ouersight of the maire bayliffes, or heade officers of the sayde citties, boroughes and townes, to search al the sayd places, and to put the sayd auctoritie and acte in executiō in forme aforesayd. Pleaseth it therfore your grace and wysedomes, in so much as the sayd acte is thought good and profitable, that it be ordeyned enacted and established, by the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that ẏ sayd act may endure for euer. And ouer that be it enacted by the sayde auctority, that if any vntrue or deceyuable mettell or workemanship of Tinne or peauter, be founden either in platters, chargers, disshes, saucers, potengers, trenchers, basins, flagons, bottels, pottes, saltesels, goblettes, spones, cruettes, or candelstickes, or any other suche wares of tinne or peauter, wheresoeuer it be cast, made, or wroughte wythin this realme or wythout, and brought to be sould within the same realme: that than it shal be lawful to the mayre of the cittie of London, and the maister and wardēs of the craft of peauterers (of the sayd city for the time being) and theyr deputies, to haue serch of the same wythin the cittie of London, and the suburbes of the same. And that in all other citties, boroughes, and townes, where any wardeins bee or shall bee, the Mayres, bayliffes, or heade officers, and wardeynes to haue like aucthoritie. And

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where no wardeins be, than the head officers or gouernours of the same citties, boroughes, and townes to appoint certaine persons most experte & cunning in knowledge of the same, to make serch wythin the sayd cities, boroughes and townes where they dwell. And if any such new wares wrought of tinne and peauter, as is aforesayd, be found defective, & beinge in the possession of the sellar, that then the same person or person that putteth any such newe wares of peauter to sale, shall forfaite the same wares, the one halfe to the vse of our soueraigne lord the king, and the other halfe to the serchers or finders of the same.

Prouided alway that this act concerning the forfayture be not preiudiciall nor hurtfull to any person or persons, hauing graūt of our soueraigne lord the kinge, or of any of his noble progenitours by his letters patents of such forfayture, but that they and euery of them shal & may enioy the same according to theyr former grauntes and libertyes.

An act concerning Richard Strode. Cap. viii.

LAmentably complayneth & sheweth vnto your most discrete wysedomes in this present parliamēt assembled, Richarde Strode gentleman of the county of Deuonshyre, one of the burgeis of this honorable house, for ỳ burghe of Plimton in the countie aforesayd, ỳ where ỳ said Richard condescended and greed wᵗ other of this house, to put forth certeine billes in this present parliament against certaine persons, named tinners in the countie aforesaid, for the reformacion of ỳ perishing, hurting, and destroying of diuers portes, hauens, and creekes, and other billes for ỳ cōmon weale of the sayd countie, the which here in this high court of parliament should and ought to be commeuded and treated of.

And for because the said Richard is a tinner, for the causes and matters afore rehersed, one John Furse tinner, vnderstewarde of the Steimerie in the sayd countie, in and at foure courtes of the sayd Steimerie at diuers places and times before him seuerally holden in the sayde county, he and other haue condempned the sayd Richarde in the somme of clx.li. That is to wete at euery court day rl.li. and that by the procurement of the said John Furse, at the sayde foure seuerall courtes and lawdayes, in the sayd Steymerie by him holden, in this maner published and sayde, that the same Richard at the last parliament holden at westminster, woulde auoyded and vtterly destroyed all liberties, priuiledges, & fraūches concerning the Steimerie: by reason whereof the sayde Richarde, vppon foure billes had and made therof by the sayd John Furse and other, caused ỳ the sayd Richard was presented & founden giltie of the premisses in euery of the sayde courtes in rl.li. to be loste and forfaite by him, by reason of an acte and ordinaunce by tinners made and had at a place in the sayde countie called Crokerentor: the tenour of the which acte appeareth in Cedule to this bill

annered:to the which the sayd Richarde was neuer warned nor called to make answere to the premisses,contrary to al lawes,right reason,& good conscience.And for the executiō of the same, one John Agwilliam vpon a surmise by him made to the kinges highnes to the sayd condempnaciō to be to his grace forfaite,therof attainted a bill assigned of xx. li.percel of the sayd clx.li.to be to him graunted by the sayd kyngs highnes: whereupon ỳ sayd John Agwilliam and other caused the sayd Richard was takē & imprysoned in a dongeon and a deepe pitte vnder the ground in the castel of Lidford in the sayde county, and there & els where remayned by the space of thre weekes & more,vnto such time he was deliuered by a writ of priuiledge out of ỳ kings eschequere at Westminster, for that hee was one of ỳ collectours in the sayd countie for the fyrst of the two quindeims graūted at and in this present parliamente:the which prison is one of the most annoious,cōtagious,& dtetestable places wythin this realme:so that by reason of the same imprysonment he was put in great parell & ieoperdy of his life,and the sayd Richard so being in pryson,and the said John Agwilliam seing the same cruell imprysonment of the sayd Richard,entreated and instantly desyred one Philip Furse)thā being keper of the said pryson)straitly to kepe the said Richard in prison,& to put yrons vpon him to his more greater payne & ieoperdy,and to giue him but breade and water onely, to thentent to cause the sayd Richard to be faine to content & pay him the said xx.li.And for the same promised ỳ sayd keeper foure markes of money: for the which foure markes the sayd Rychard for to be eased of his yrons and peyneful imprysonment aforesayd(for sauegarde of his life) promised and graūted to pay the sayd keeper foure marke: wherof he payed the sayd keper in hand xiii.s.iiii d. And ouer that the sayd Richarde for to be eased of his sayd paynefull imprysonment,was also of necessity driuen to be bounden to Thomas Denis, deputy vnto sir Henry Marney knighte,warden of the said Steimerie,in an obligation of the somme of C.li.Upon cōdiciō whereof party is as hereafter followeth: that is to saye,that if the aboue bounden Richard Strode, defende and saue harmeles the sayde Thomas Denis,and to vse himselfe as true prysoner,duringe the tyme it shall please the kyng to haue him prysoner in the castel of Lidforde,and also to do nothing, wherby he shall in the law be deemed out of prison,& other articles compryzed in the sayd cōdicion,the which the sayd Richard perfectly remēbreth not:wherfore the premisses by your great wysedomes tenderly cōsidred,the said Richard humbly prayeth,that it may be ordeyned,established and enacted,by the kynge our soueraigne lorde,and by the lords spyrituall and temporal,and the commons in this present parliament assembled,and by auctority of the same,that the said condemnacion and condemnaciōs of the said clx.li.and euery parcell thereof,and iudgementes and executiōs had or to be had for the premisses or any of them,to be vtterly voyd against the said Richard and of none effect.

And ouer that be it enacted by the said auctoritie,that all suites,accuse-

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ments,condemnacions, executions,fines,amercementes,punishmentes, corrections,grauntes,charges,and impositions put or had,or hereafter to be put or had vnto or vpon the sayd Richard,and to euery other of the person or persons afore specifyed,that now be of this present parliament, or ȳ of any parliament hereafter shalbe,for any bill,speaking,reasoning,or declaring of any matter or matters,concerning the parliament to be cōmuned and treated of,be vtterly voyde and of none effect.

And ouer that be it enacted by the sayd auctority,that if ȳ sayd Richard Strode,or any of all the sayd other person or persons,hereafter be vered, troubled,or otherwyse charged for any causes,as is aforesayd, that thā he or they and euery of them so vered or troubled,of and for the same,to haue action vpon the case agaynst euery such person or personnes,so veringe or troubling any contrary to this ordinaunce and prouision, in the which action the party greeued shall recouer treble damages and costes.And that no protection,essoyne,nor wager of law in the sayd action in any wyse be admitted nor receyued.

BE it enquyred for our soueraigne lord the king,that where as at the parliament holden at Crokerētor, before Thomas Denis,deputie to syr Henry Marney knight, wardē of the Steimerie, the xiiij.day of September,the secōd yere of the reigne of king Henry the viii.It was ordeyned established and enacted,that (from the day aforesayd) it shalbe lawfull for euery man to digge tinne within the county of Deuonshyre,in all places where as tinne may be founden.And also to carie the water to theyr workes without any let or trouble of any person or persons, according to our vsages & confirmaciōs of our charter,& according to our custome out of minde . And if any persō or personnes let,trouble, or vere any man to digge tinne,or to cary water for the same,contrary to our olde custome and vsage , and if it be founden by verdite of xii.men at the law day,he that so letteth,vereth,or troubleth any such person or personnes,shall fall in the penaltie of xl.li.as oft as he so vereth or troubleth: the one halfe to my lord Prince,and the other halfe to him ȳ was so letted,vered,or troubled. And a fieri facias to be awarded, as well for my lord prince as for ȳ party,if one Richard Strode of Plimton tinner,at the parliamēt holden at Westminster the fourth day of February last past,letted,vered,and troubled one William Rede the yonger, and Elis Elforde tinner,and al other tinners in the same parliamente for digging of tinne in the seuerall soyle of the sayd Richard and other persōs contrary to this our acte made.

God saue the king.

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